

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING AND DISC ROTATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME		

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2006 and is being filed within the first month after the shortened statutory period set for a response to the Office Action. A Petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment. If any additional fee is due, charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 208861.0485).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks and Conclusion begin on page 8 of this paper.

Replacement Abstract begins on page 11 of this paper.